Pepsi joint venture with Duncan

2756. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the exports will be three times the imports including Pepsi concentrates packaging materials etc., of Pepsi joint venture with Goenka's of Duncan;

(b) whether this proposal is consistent with the present import policy; and

(c) whether import of soft drink concentrates (like Pepsi) is allowed, if so, in what category?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) M/s Agro Products Exports India Private Limited had submitted an application for manufacture and export of Aspetic packaging of 10 per cent Fruit Juice Products and Processed Agro-based Products in collaboration with Pepsico Incorporated of USA. This application was rejected by the Government. In view of this, replies to parts (a) to (c) do not arise.

Pepsico tie-up

2757. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to a news report which appeared in the 'Economic Times' dated the 22nd April, 1985 regarding Pepsico tie-up;

(b) whether the import licensing policy be changed for exports by Pepsi or they would be governed by what is specified in the present import policy; and

(c) whether the use of foreign trade mark Pepsi Cola has been permitted for internal sales?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There was an application by M/s. Agro Products Exports India Private Limited for manufacture and export of Aspetic packaging of 10 per cent fruit juice products and Processed Agro-based Products, in Collaboration with Pepsico Incorporated of USA. This application was rejected by the Government. In view of this, there is no question of import or export by Pepsi or use of foreign trademark 'Pepsi Cola'.

Assistance to bio-gas plants by KVIC

2758. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that releases of large subsidies to several bio-gas plants by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) recently were made for the plants which do not exist and that a number of cases of misutilisation of steel and cement allocated for bio-gas plants have recently come to light; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the action taken by Government to identify the persons involved in the rackets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The KVIC decided to carry out a random census of bio-gas plants constructed under its aegis in Bihar, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra in 14 selected districts with a view to knowing the status of plants constructed and to know the extent of non-working plants and the reasons therefor to enable them to provide guidance for corrective steps to be taken in further implementation of the programme. Accordingly, 13216 plants were covered by the Audit Party sent by the Commission for random checking and it found that in Maharashtra out of the total plants of 7299 covered in the report, 134 were not traceable. In Tamil Nadu out of the total of 1979 bio-gas plants checked, 87 plants were not traceable. In Bihar, 3938 plants were covered by the random checking and 605 plants were not traceable at the time of census. Further investigation in the plants suggest that in some cases the beneficiaries might have

refunded the amount of subsidy or might have left the plants half-way through or might have constructed the plants at some other places or might have dismantled the plants consequent on family feuds, partition of property, selling of cattle, etc.

The Internal Audit Party deputed to look into disbursement made by the State Office, Madhya Pradesh for bio-gas programme found that final completion certificates in cases where subsidies have been paid were not available in all the cases.

The Commission had been arranging procurement, custody and distribution of controlled scarce commodities like cement and steel required for construction of biogas plants since 1978-79 on regular basis. The total purchases during the last 5-6 years aggregate to Rs. 7.5 crores and the reported irregularities in purchase and supply of scarce commodities is reported to be relatively of a small order.

Necessary departmental action against officials found guilty is being taken. About half a dozen cases of irregularities in the distribution of cement and steel to workshops have also come to notice. These cases are being looked into and necessary departmental action/legal action and corrective measures have been taken.

Industries in Andhra Pradesh

2759. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have received any proposal from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh with regard to the setting up of medium scale industries in the State during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal under Central Government's consideration to set up few industries in that State which are to be controlled by the Centre; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) An outlay of Rs. 162.10 crores for setting up Large and Medium Scale Industries has been made under the Seventh Five Year Plan for Andhra Pradesh. The State Government has informed that during the Seventh Five Year Plan they propose to establish 607 Large and Medium Scale Industries in the State with a total investment of Rs. 4,23,152 lakhs providing employment to 1,83,942 persons. The State Government will provide the basic infrastructure and other attendant facilities and assistance for the development of these industries. However, the capital required for setting up of these industries is expected to be brought in mainly by the prospective entrepreneurs and financial institutions. From the State Government side a budgetary allocation of Rs. 5,000 lakhs has been planned for the Seventh Five Year Plan for providing necessary facilities and support for the growth of Large and Medium industries.

The number of Letters of Intent, Industrial Licences under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951, and Registrations with DGTD issued for setting up industries to Andhra Pradesh, are given below:—

	1983	1984	1985 (upto September)
1. Letters of Intent	79	92	87
2. Industrial Licences	63	45	56
3. Registrations with DGTD	167	186	149